

## PROUD TO BE AN INDEPENDENT EQUINE PRACTICE OWNED BY VETS

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### SAVE A CALL OUT CHARGE

When your horses or ponies are getting their vaccinations, this can be as good a time as any to get their teeth checked and rasped as required.

When booking your appointment, please let our reception team know if you would like them checked so they can allocate enough time and will save you a call out charge for our vets to come another day and check them.

### KIND WORDS

We received the following words from one of our lovely clients this month:

*".....It's hug a Javier day!!! He's got my girl so much better. We can continue having fun and doing our thing. So pleased what he has achieved....."*

Both our vets and admin team strive to give the best level of care and support possible, so it is much appreciated when someone takes the time to give such kind feedback.  
THANK YOU!!

### EQUUS VETS NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024



### JULY VACCINATION OFFER



*Has your horse gone over on his flu/tet vaccinations?*

*Do you know about the advantages of your horse being vaccinated for EHV?*

During July we are offering **BUY ONE GET ONE FREE!!**

**This applies to anyone starting a course of Flu/tet, tetanus or EHV vaccinations. Your 1<sup>st</sup> part of the course will be charged as normal. Your 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccination which will follow 21 – 60 days following the 1<sup>st</sup> vaccination will be FREE!**

*(visit charge still applies to the second call out)*

Please contact our reception team to arrange an appointment.

### An excellent end to the 2023/2024 Point to point season!

Congratulations to all our point to point clients for another enjoyable season! Pictured below is "Young Buck" partly owned by Hayden and Charlie on his way to winning his Hunter Chase at Newton Abbot Racecourse on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May.

We would like to wish Dean Summersby and his team congratulations for winning the national title for medium size trainer and the Devon and Cornwall large trainer title.

Congratulations to John Heard for winning the small trainer title for Devon and Cornwall.



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## Do you understand what's happening in your horses mouth and the importance of routine dental care?

Horses have 44 teeth, which continually erupt throughout the horse's lifetime. As the horse chews, this wears the teeth down.

Horses have:

- 12 incisors.
- 4 canines (adults only, not all adults will have canines).
- 4 wolf teeth (adults only, not all adults have wolf teeth).
- 12 premolars.



### Why are routine dental checks important?

Most horses benefit from a dental check every 6-12 months. This allows any potential issues to be spotted early and remedied before they start to become a problem.

### What signs might a horse with dental problems show?

Horses with dental problems may show no signs at all. If they do show signs, these can include:

- Quidding (dropping food).
- Eating slowing.
- Halitosis (bad breath).
- Facial swelling or packing of food in cheeks.
- Weight loss.

### What might be found on a dental check, and what can be done?

The most common conditions found are:

- Sharp points, which can cause ulcers on the cheek and tongue. These are rasped with hand or power tools.
- Overgrowths occur when the teeth do not wear evenly, so some teeth are longer or shorter than others. This can cause discomfort and prevent the horse from chewing properly. These can be rasped down.
- Diastemas: a gap between two adjacent cheek teeth, which can become packed with food. Keeping these clean is important, and they can be widened if necessary to allow food to fall out again, rather than remaining stuck between the teeth.
- Loose teeth, which can be removed.
- Fractures or tooth root abscesses: these often require further investigations such as x-rays, usually followed by removal of the tooth.

### CORNWALL AREA DAYS FOR JULY

**W/C 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY**

**W/C 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**W/C 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY**



### TRUE OR FALSE?



To work out the approximate height a foal will be when it is fully grown, you can hold one end of a tape measure at the elbow and stretch it to the ground.

If you double the measurement, that will give you the approximate mature height! – *TRUE!*



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